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Does BCC want  
new CDP's + any  
changes in Boundaries  
+ should the contact  
person be  
Ken  
Miller?

Dear Commissioner Chilcott, Driscoll, Grandstaff, Iman, and Rokosch,

With the 2010 Census just over a year away, there are number of geographic programs that must be completed before the U.S. Census Bureau can begin counting people and households. Earlier this year, you were contacted by the Geographic Division of the U.S. Census Bureau with an explanation of a very important program of the 2010 Census, the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). The 2010 PSAP allows participants to review, update, and delineate new census tracts, block groups, census designated places (CDPs) and census county divisions (CCDs). Since your county declined to participate, our office has agreed to participate on your behalf.

Time  
date by  
1/23  
\*Glenda

The goal of the PSAP is to define these geographies to obtain meaningful, relevant small area and place-level statistical data. The updated boundaries for these geographies will frame all the 2010 Census tabulations, and will be used for the American Community Survey (ACS) beyond 2010. Data tabulated to these PSAP geographic entities are used by various local, state, and federal agencies and organizations for planning and funding purposes, as well as the private sector, academia, and the public. This opportunity will not come again until ten years from now in preparation for the 2020 Census.

Our office, the Census and Economic Information Center, located in the Montana Department of Commerce, has for the past 30 years, partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare and carry out a variety of census programs, but none more important than the Decennial Census. We are committed to making the 2010 Census as accurate as possible in your county as well as for the state of Montana. To that end, we will be working on the PSAP program along with the Census Bureau staff out of the Denver Regional Office and would like to invite you to help us make sure we prepare the geographic portion of your county as accurately as possible.

Why do we need your help? Your local government is best qualified to review and update the PSAP geographic entities since you know where area population changes are occurring and how area settlement patterns are changing, and therefore know how to best edit the census tract, block group, and CCD boundaries to accommodate these changes. You and your staff also know where unincorporated communities are emerging and changing, and therefore where to delineate and edit CDPs. Furthermore, county staff know how important it is to accurately define these geographic entities so that resulting census statistical data meet the needs of your communities. Our office will submit the work; we just need to tap into your local expertise in order to make sure we supply the Census Bureau with the most accurate information available.



One of the most visible geographies in Montana are the CDPs which are statistical entities defined for each decennial census, comprising a densely settled concentration of population that is not within an incorporated place, but is locally identified by a name. In Ravalli County there are currently three CDPs – Corvallis, Florence, and Victor (attached to this letter is a copy of a Demographic Profile for the Corvallis CDP from Census 2000 which shows the type of data collected by the Bureau during the Decennial Census for each geography). Now is the time to determine whether the current boundaries are still acceptable or if they need to be edited, and to determine whether or not to create a new CDP. Some possible new CDPs to consider are Grantsdale, Conner, and Sula. Again, my office will do the submission to the Census Bureau; we just need local help with determining new boundaries.

As this program has a deadline, March 2009, I need to get started on this project as soon as possible. If there are areas you are interested in seeing designated as CDPs please let me know by January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If there is a particular staff person you would recommend I work with, please provide me with a name and contact information. I am also happy to work directly with the Commission. I am available for any questions at the phone number or email address below, and look forward to working with you to help you update your census geography and have an accurate count of the county's population.

Thank you for your time.



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**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Corvallis CDP, Montana

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male.....	221	49.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	19	4.3
Female.....	222	50.1	Mexican.....	15	3.4
Under 5 years.....	22	5.0	Puerto Rican.....	-	-
5 to 9 years.....	37	8.4	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	45	10.2	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	4	0.9
15 to 19 years.....	28	6.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	424	95.7
20 to 24 years.....	25	5.6	White alone.....	411	92.8
25 to 34 years.....	66	14.9	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	63	14.2	<b>Total population.....</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>100.0</b>
45 to 54 years.....	31	7.0	In households.....	437	98.6
55 to 59 years.....	32	7.2	Householder.....	185	41.8
60 to 64 years.....	24	5.4	Spouse.....	76	17.2
65 to 74 years.....	32	7.2	Child.....	126	28.4
75 to 84 years.....	27	6.1	Own child under 18 years.....	109	24.6
85 years and over.....	11	2.5	Other relatives.....	18	4.1
Median age (years).....	34.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	3	0.7
18 years and over.....	324	73.1	Nonrelatives.....	32	7.2
Male.....	154	34.8	Unmarried partner.....	17	3.8
Female.....	170	38.4	In group quarters.....	6	1.4
21 years and over.....	303	68.4	Institutionalized population.....	6	1.4
62 years and over.....	79	17.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	70	15.8	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	30	6.8	<b>Total households.....</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Female.....	40	9.0	Family households (families).....	120	64.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	58	31.4
One race.....	433	97.7	Married-couple family.....	76	41.1
White.....	421	95.0	With own children under 18 years.....	30	16.2
Black or African American.....	-	-	Female householder, no husband present.....	29	15.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	6	1.4	With own children under 18 years.....	19	10.3
Asian.....	2	0.5	Nonfamily households.....	65	35.1
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	54	29.2
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	18	9.7
Filipino.....	1	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	62	33.5
Japanese.....	-	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	49	26.5
Korean.....	1	0.2	Average household size.....	2.36	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	2.83	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	0.2	<b>Total housing units.....</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	185	93.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	13	6.6
Samoan.....	1	0.2	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	2	1.0
Some other race.....	3	0.7	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.0	(X)
Two or more races.....	10	2.3	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.7	(X)
<b>Race alone or in combination with one</b>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></b>			<b>Occupied housing units.....</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White.....	430	97.1	Owner-occupied housing units.....	103	55.7
Black or African American.....	-	-	Renter-occupied housing units.....	82	44.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	8	1.8	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.14	(X)
Asian.....	4	0.9	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.65	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	3	0.7			
Some other race.....	8	1.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.